



THANKS FROM NEPAL . . . West High School students, from left, Rocky Westlake, Nancy Brashear, Dinah Linsky, and Paul Johnson display a plaque sent to them by the students and teachers of Azad High School in Banepa, Nepal. The plaque was sent in appreciation for a microscope given to the Nepalese school by West High School students.

COUNTY REPORT

County's Marina del Rey Now Operating in Black

By Burton W. Chace
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There have been few days more satisfying to me in my position as a County Supervisor than Tuesday, March 12. It was on that day that I was able to inform my colleagues that the county-operated Marina del Rey project had turned the corner and was operating in the black.

An allocation of \$100,000 which had been budgeted for marina operations was returned to the general fund for use on other critical county projects. The marina will stand on its own from here on.

Development of the marina was one of my first projects after I became a supervisor in 1953. Until that time, there had been much talk about a small craft harbor in the Playa del Rey-Venice area but little action.

WITH THE cooperation of the entire beach community, as well as local, state, and federal officials, the project moved from the drawing boards to a reality.

There were times when the marina appeared to be in difficult straits, but I never lost faith in the project and the widespread effects it would have on this county's economy.

Now, just a few short years later, the \$36 million in public funds invested has almost been matched by \$30 million in private development. Another \$10 million in private capital will be invested in the marina during 1968 alone.

Not only does the county have a major recreation area which appeals to small boaters, yachtsmen, swimmers, and fishermen, it has a development which is bringing in nearly a half million dollars in taxes.

IN ADDITION, the marina project has given economic impetus to the neighboring areas. Waste marshes which once cost the county more for mosquito abatement than they produced in taxes now are the site of modern hotels, restaurants, boat anchorages, and other diversified businesses.

In 1955-56, the general area around the marina had an assessed valuation of \$46.2 million. Today the same region has an assessed valuation of \$133 million, almost three times larger.

The announcement that the marina had moved into the black came more than a year earlier than anticipated. Not only did the project return a \$100,000 subsidy to the general county fund, it will show a surplus of \$93,000 in fiscal 1967-68.

DEVELOPMENT of the boat anchorages are approximately two-thirds complete, while land development is approximately 25 per cent finished. This means much more revenue for the county lies in the future.

The success story must be shared with private enterprise, which showed confi-

...Mrs. Woolley

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ferent. Women accept things. "Men will tear themselves apart arguing a point of law that's been settled for 300 years," she exclaimed gleefully.

But who's boss at Woolley and Woolley? He is! "Boris is the senior partner both by age and experience," she conceded. Now, of course, she spends a great deal of time at home with the family.

A woman definitely ought to "keep her hands in something," Mrs. Woolley believes. Almost all women, these days, do have interests outside the home, she says.

As if home and office weren't enough to keep her busy, the junior law partner puts in extra hours as president of the board of directors of Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Woolley became interested in hospital work during the arrivals of her four children. Board activities were going along on an even keel until plans were announced for the merger of Torrance Memorial and Riviera hospitals. That's when the real work started.

The three year hospital

board leader lights up with enthusiasm at the mention of merger activities. Plans for the ultra-modern, high-rise hospital go to bid next month, which means that board members are knee-deep in rounding up donations to pay for it.

Digging up wealthy benefactors is just Mrs. Woolley's cup of tea. "There's really a lot of money around," she remarked in genuine awe. "I'm astonished!"

Although a good portion of needed funds will ultimately come from a few fortune holders, Mrs. Woolley doesn't want the general public to feel neglected. Even the smallest contribution will be warmly welcomed. Fund goal is \$4 million.

At home the work is divided among the entire family. The job of mowing the spacious lawns is assigned to John, while Louise can be expected to volunteer to cook dinner. Susan is likely to come bouncing in with a bouquet of pink and red flowers for her mother and little brother Willy enjoys spending the afternoon with dad at the office.

Favorite venture for the

family is taking off for a vacation on Santa Rosa Island, where Mrs. Woolley's brother owns a cattle ranch. Digging for fossils and Indian artifacts seems to be the main attraction, especially for the younger generation.

Mrs. Woolley also enjoys bridge and some tennis and swimming in her precious spare hours. The family home is equipped with a swimming pool, a tennis court, and a miniature putting green.

A descendant of the pioneering Vail family, Mrs. Woolley also manages to sandwich a variety of club activities into her busy schedule, although she describes herself as "minimally active."

She's a member of three PTAs, the American Association of University Women, South Bay Bar Association, Republican Women, and Affiliates for Mental Health, in addition to doing her share with Bluebirds and Scouts.

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It was satisfying to be able to report this good news. And the satisfaction will grow as the Marina del Rey continues to develop.

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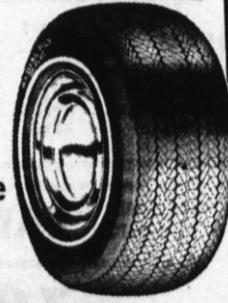
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